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Letter dated 31 July 1999 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 7 April 1999 by which you confirmed that the Security Council, through its resolution 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, intended to invite the Economic and Social Council to contribute to the designing of a long-term programme of support for Haiti.

As you are aware, the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1999/4 of 7 May 1999, decided to create an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti with the mandate of submitting to the Council, at its substantive session of 1999, recommendations on how to ensure that international community assistance to the efforts to support the Government of Haiti in achieving sustainable development was adequate, coherent, well coordinated and effective. The Permanent Representatives of Indonesia (Chairman), Brazil, Latvia and Mauritius and the Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada were appointed to form the Advisory Group. Haiti's authorities were consulted by the Advisory Group at all stages of the preparation of its report.

It is now my privilege to inform you that the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the report presented by the Advisory Group (E/1999/103) at its substantive session of 1999, recently held in Geneva, adopted resolution 1999/11 of 27 July 1999, in which it welcomed the report and confirmed the essence of all of its recommendations, including recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly, as well as requests addressed to the Secretary-General and the different components of the United Nations system. In that resolution, the Council, inter alia, called on the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to develop on a priority basis a long-term strategy and programme of support for Haiti in such areas as education, peace-building, poverty eradication, social integration, productive employment, trade, durable recovery and sustainable development and recommended that the long-term development programme of support

for Haiti address the issues of capacity-building of governmental institutions, especially in areas such as governance, the promotion of human rights, the administration of justice, the electoral system, law enforcement, police training, and other areas of social and economic development.

Given the previous action of the Security Council with respect to Haiti, of particular interest may be the recommendations made to the General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/11, to review all aspects of the mandate and operations of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti and to consider renewing the mandate of the United Nations component of the Mission and, in paragraph 10, to consider devising a United Nations special training and technical assistance programme for the Haitian National Police.

I trust that this contribution by the Economic and Social Council will serve to strengthen the continued resolve of the United Nations to support Haiti, complementing the Security Council's own efforts in that regard, and to enhance the cooperation between two of our main organs, as contemplated in Article 65 of the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) F. Paolo FULCI